

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF**  
**HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. BA 2871  
Magi No. 0328715404  
DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Dream Landing

and/or common Parrish Log House

**2. Location**

street & number 2526-A Beckleysville Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Middletown ☒ vicinity of Councilmanic District 3rd  
congressional district 2nd

state Maryland county Baltimore County

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Nancy Ranier Ringgold

street & number 3300 Jarrettsville Pike telephone no.: 410-557-7276

city, town Monkton state and zip code MD 21211

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber SM 12029

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 480

city, town Towson state MD 31204

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title No prior study

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

"Dream Landing" is the new name of an old house of square log construction that is being rehabilitated. The house is two stories, fairly small. formerly covered with siding. The logs are fitted together with V-notches as are most of the county's log structures. The roof is corrugated sheet metal. The main chimney is on the left, built only a few years ago to replace an inside end-chimney. In the old arrangement, the chimney began on the second floor, its bricks sitting on the wood floor; that chimney vented a stove in a bedroom. Another chimney, on the right, vented the kitchen range. A hole in the flooring allowed heat from the kitchen to reach the right hand bedroom.

This house is built of sturdy materials. In the basement there are half-round logs still containing tree bark that support the first floor. In the attic are roof rafters made of half-round straight young trees. The bottom of each rafter was hand-hewn where it meets the framing of the walls. Floor planks are very wide, probably of pine wood. Staircases at the corner of the house (front, right) lead to the second story and attic. The stairs are very steep and twisting, providing almost no tread at the narrow ends. These stairs are similar to those in the 18th century Garrison House on Seneca Creek and the rear wing of the Onion House near Franklinville.

Yet there are also sections of sawmill lumber used as studding. Steam-sawn timber was certainly available in the 1840s and 1850s, easily transported on the Northern Central Railroad (or Baltimore and Susquehanna) after 1838.

This house could have been built in the era of heating by stoves in mid-19th century. The log house found on this landgrant in 1798 was only one story high and was square in footprint, thus there is no match with "Dream Landing."

With its exposed logs and interesting timber features this house is a good demonstration of country building where log and chink methods were still commonplace until 1860, if not later.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates      Pre-1850      Builder/Architect      Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

"Dream Landing" could match up with the William Parrish house shown on the 1850 county-wide map by J.C. Sidney and P.J. Browne. The 1877 atlas by G. M. Hopkins shows a house with the name of W. Kroh attached to it, but the land title does not trace back to a person of that name. We find that the land grant name mentioned in some deeds is "Hurst's Hills." However, Dr. R. Carlton Seitz's map of reconstructed north-end land grants shows that the entire property of interest and much of the neighbors' property is on the tract called "Hurst's Lot," surveyed in 1788. <sup>1</sup>

The log house property can be traced back to a deed made in April 1878 whereby Stephen and Catharine Parrish made 22 acres over to Frances A. Parrish, presumably their daughter, in recognition "of the keeping of Stephen and Catharine Parrish for the last ten years." This deed conveyed the "house lot" or "Hurst's Lot." Unfortunately, this deed has no "same as" clause to show how Stephen Parrish became owner. <sup>2</sup> We tried in vain to find him in the index of grantees back to 1851, but this property probably belonged to the family at some point before the deed series in the Towson record office begins.

In 1928, Frances M. Parrish and Peter Parrish sold this place to Harry W. Parrish. That deed was to take effect upon the death of the sellers. <sup>3</sup>

The Parrish family was in possession of this land until only a few years ago. The house is very likely a 19th century structure because the upper county was little settled in colonial times, the Lords Baltimore keeping a large block of land as a reserve until almost the American Revolution. "Hurst's Lot" was surveyed and patented in post-Revolutionary times, 1788, when Benedict Hurst became its first owner. The 1798 tax list of North Hundred showed Benedict Hurst with only a "one story log dwelling house not finished." Its 26-foot square layout does not match the rectangular house of two stories to be seen today.

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NOTES:

1. R. Carlton Seitz, Maps of Land Patents in Northern Baltimore and Carroll Counties(Towson, 1995), p. 81; also map included.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, JB 107:198.
3. Baltimore County Deeds, WHM 810:110.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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No known sources.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.953

Quadrangle name New Freedom

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Irregular figure, Tax Map 11, Grid 1, Parcel P103.

List all states and counties for properties overliapping state or county boundaries

state None code  county None code

state  code  county  code

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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